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WARSAW PASS AMBASSADOR RIDGWAY, FISHERIES DELEGATION

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SUBJECT:ARRANGEMENTS FOR US/MEXICO NEGOTIATIONS,
NEW YORK CITY, AUGUST 5-6

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1. DEPARTMENT ASSUMES THAT AMBASSADOR RIDGWAY WILL BE
PROCEEDING DIRECTLY TO NEW YORK CITY FROM WARSAW TO
LEAD SUBJECT NEGOTIATIONS. BASED ON THIS ASSUMPTION
U.S. DELEGATION MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED AT MISSION
AUGUST 4, 7 P.M. TO ALLOW ADEQUATE TIME FOR INDUSTRY
REPRESENTATIVES TO ASSEMBLE.

2. OES/EX CLAIMS THAT TRAVEL ORDERS FOR AMBASSADOR
RIDGWAY AND M. COLLISON NEED NOT BE AMENDED TO REFLECT
NEW TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. RESERVATIONS MADE FOR RIDGWAY
AND COLLISON AT ROOSEVELT HOTEL, AUGUST 3-6.

3. B. HALLMAN WILL REPRESENT OES/OFA/FA. HE WILL ARRIVE
NEW YORK AUGUST 4 AND WILL BRING WITH HIM INFORMATION
ON DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED SUBSEQUENT TO MEXICO
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CITY MEETING.

4. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS SHRIMP INDUSTRY HELD MEETING IN CORPUS CHRISTI JULY 29 AND THAT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT EXPRESSED GREAT DISSATISFACTION WITH DRAFT AGREEMENT,

PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO CATCH QUOTAS AND RAPID PACE OF PHASE-OUT. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO REACH MAUERMAN, TEXAS SHRIMP ASSOCIATION, TO CONFIRM REPORT.

5. THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION ON WEST COAST CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS. APPARENTLY WORD HAS NOT INITIALLY FILTERED DOWN TO MEXICAN LICENSING AUTHORITIES CONCERNING UNDERSTANDING REACHED AT MEXICO MEETING REGARDING VALIDITY OF OUTSTANDING LICENSES AND ISSUANCE OF PERMITS PRIOR TO AUGUST 1. CONFUSION STILL EXISTS BUT IT APPEARS THAT GOM WILL RECOGNIZE VALIDITY OF OUTSTANDING LICENSES ONLY TO AUGUST 15 AND IS PREPARED TO ISSUE LICENSES PRIOR TO AUGUST 1 WHICH WOULD BE VALID TO ONLY AUGUST 15, PENDING NEW ARRANGEMENTS WORKED OUT AT NEW YORK MEETING.

6. RE REFTTEL, MARINE MAMMAL HEARINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED. KISSINGER

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